GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1282
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DISCONTINUATION OF INDUS PROJECT
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to discontinue the INDUS project being jointly run by India and the United States of America (USA) for eradication of child labour due to adverse publicity regarding child labour issues in the USA;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal for curtailing the project to the extent of domestic funding instead of scrapping the same; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT(SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No,Sir.The INDUS Project was for a period of three years only from September, 2004 upto August 2007.The project was extended upto March, 2008 and again for a period of six months upto 30th September,2008.Thus,the project has now ended as per the extended term on 30.09.2008.

(c): Does not arise.